LESSON 14

SERVICE DOCTRINE: UNITED STATES NAVY

Introduction

Purpose

The purpose of this lesson is to understand the Navy's role in joint operations at the operational level by examining the concepts set forth by Naval Doctrine Pub-1.

Importance of the Study

This lesson provides an overview of Navy doctrine at the operational level of war. The Navy and Marine Corps team provides the JFC a force with unique warfighting capabilities. To effectively use the Navy and Marine Corps team, you must understand naval doctrine.

Relationship to Other Lessons

This lesson complements and supports lessons 13, 15, and 16 and provides a foundation for understanding each service's doctrine and how each service prepares its forces to function at the operational level of war.

Background

In the Navy-Marine Corps white papers From . . . The Sea and Forward . . . From the Sea, the Navy defined a new strategic vision for implementing and executing national military strategy. As stated in From . . . The Sea, this concept is a fundamental shift away from open-ocean warfighting on the sea toward joint operations conducted from the sea. To support the new vision, the Naval Doctrine Command was established to provide a top-down approach to doctrine development. This lesson introduces you to the Navy's operational level doctrine for executing naval operations into the 21st century.

Study Time

This lesson, including the issues for consideration, will require about 1.5 hours of study.

Educational Objectives

Service and Joint Doctrines	Summarize the relationship between Naval service doctrine and joint doctrine. [JPME Area 2d]
Naval Expeditionary Forces	Describe the critical operational capabilities that naval expeditionary forces provide for executing national military strategy.
Naval Doctrine Command	Explain the organization, mission, and priorities of the Naval Doctrine Command.
JPME Areas/ Objectives/Hours (accounting data)	

Navy Doctrine

Historical Background

Historically, the Marine Corps and the United States Navy have played a major role in the accomplishment of this nation's military objectives. It is anticipated that naval operations will continue to play a major role in the next century. Marines must remain cognizant of Navy doctrine as it applies to amphibious warfare as well as to other types of naval warfare.

Navy Doctrine

The Navy fulfills the roles and missions assigned to it by the NCA in the following areas:

- Deterrence (conventional and nuclear)
- Forward presence
- Naval operations other than war
- Sealift
- Joint operations
- Naval operation in war

Naval Doctrine Command

The Naval Doctrine Command was established on 12 March 1993. The Naval Doctrine Command reports directly to the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) and the Commandant of the Marine Corps (CMC) for all matters related to developing naval concepts and integrating naval doctrine. For matters uniquely related to Navy service doctrine, the Naval Doctrine Command reports to the CNO.

Required Readings

Operational Level of War Readings

Lewis, Fredrick L. (RADM, USN). "Naval Doctrine Command." *Joint Forces Quarterly* (Autumn 1993). Read pp. 113 through 116. Find this reading in the *Operational Level of War Readings*, Annex C, pp. C-3 to C-6. This article focuses on the evolution of naval doctrine, the mission of the Naval Doctrine Command, and the near term doctrinal priorities of the Naval Doctrine Command.

NDP-1, Naval Warfare

Naval Doctrine Pub 1, *Naval Warfare* (1994). Read pp. 15 through 30 and pp. 59 through 70.

Issues For Consideration

Employment of Naval Forces and Concept of Joint Warfighting	Summarize how NDP-1 describes the employment of naval forces and explain how this relates to the joint warfighting concept presented in Joint Pub 1.
Naval Expeditionary Forces	Describe the critical operational capabilities that naval expeditionary forces provide to the NCA or JFC. Explain how these capabilities relate to the joint warfighting concept.
Naval Doctrine Command	Summarize the organization, mission, current priorities, and future challenges of the Naval Doctrine Command.